



News & Notes

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7-8, 2022

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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*Our Mission:
With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.*

Rev. Andrew J. Gimbel
Rev. Jonathan V. Meyer
Pastoral Team

Charity Smith
Director of
Christian Education

Darlene Birk
Preschool Director

Greg Cissell
Choir Director

Joyce Niewald
Church Secretary

Services held in Sanctuary:
Saturdays, 3PM
Sundays, 8AM & 10:30AM
LIVE STREAM ON SUNDAY AT 8AM
Connect through
www.hcross.com or
YouTube channel at Holy Cross Lutheran
Church O'Fallon MO

*If you want an audio recording (CD) of
the Sunday 8AM service, please notify
the office. We can also send out
bulletins, weekly newsletters, and DVD
recordings (visual) to those who request
them.*

CHURCH OFFICE
CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
636.272.4505
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WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today in the Sanctuary or by live stream. We invite our members to call the church office if they need to talk to our pastors or other staff members.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit prayer requests by calling or emailing the church office. Confidential prayer requests are shared with the Pastors but not published publicly in the prayer list.

We pray for our members:

Joy Adams; Alvin Ahrens; Gloria & John Anderson; Dennis Benassi; Barbara Benigno; Paul Bertram; Mary Kay Bethke; George Beyer; Karen Binder; Bob Brueggeman; Nancy Caldwell; Dominic Cissell; Mike Dawdy; Carolyn Delohi; Craig DeMent; Edna Deubel; Renea Erickson; Ken Fattmann; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Jennifer Goris; Phyllis Gronewald; Michael Halm; Vernon Herrington; Mike Kahler; Deborah Kiely; Michelle Kincaid; Debi Korte; Janet Kuesel; Betty & Ken Lee; Marek Linn; Dina Polashek; Judy & Ron Rutledge; Carol Santoyo; Amy Schlesselman; Eileen Seckel; Betty Shaw; Winnie Thornton; Keith Wachter, Ernestine Wilson.

We pray for our family and friends:

Marianne Adolph (Menschers, Drillings)
Roger Altenberger (Shelby Morgan)
Hilda Breden (Debbie Breden)
Jean Binder (Karen Binder)
Bob Buchmeier (Judy Andrews)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
Cecilia Coffay (Patti Groves)
Gorman Cooper (Tina Morrison)
Michelle Creese (Phyllis Gronewald)
Braedyn Dawson (Ron & Lois Dawson)
Teresa Doerr
Parker Dwyer (Delsa Dwyer)
Bethany Goers (Laura Gimbel)
Terry Guethle Sr. (Amanda Alton)
Dennis Helms (Norma Helms)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Jaleri Jackson (Donna Lukasek)
Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke)
Shane Johnson (Kevin Smith)
Milt Kuball (Kuerschners)
Diane Kutz (Darlene Drilling)
Henry Lucio (Shawn Huber)
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)
Kyle Martens (Debbie Martens)
Kenny & Lois Meyer
(Carla Cooper and Karen Copper)
Margaret Meyer (Nancy Caldwell)
Bob Meyers (Malinda Meyers)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Atina Parris (Liane Higgins)
Shirley Rector (Michelle Sliger)

Eileen Scaglione (Nancy Scaglione)
Dolores Schaper (Snyders/Spemanns)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Sara Shroth
Tim Sutton (Amy Estill)
Stanika Todorova (Juliana Frerichs)
Bobbette Wetzel (Ryan Blackwell)
Serena Whiteside (Orion Melton)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
Carson Aston, Chlaara Aston,
Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston & Family)
Don & Linda Beehn (Chris Ehlers)
Darrel Gibson, Jeanette McMillin
(Cissell Family)
Wesley Heins, Kenny Rogers
(Jeff & Becky Coomer)
Joel Erickson, Carol Zeigler
(Ralph & Renea Erickson)
Betty Christman, Grace Scheu
(Ken Goodwin)
Kyle McCarthy, Frank Wachter
(Elaine Howard)
Christine Valasco, Jill Dillon,
Amy Meyer (Joy Kelly)
Linda Elrod, Marian Schwentker,
Kim Vargo (Michelle & Chuck Kincaid)
Paul Rau, George & Sandra Roberts
(Elma Jane Kramer)
John Bach, Taylor Lee, Rachel Long,
Mark Lee (Ken & Betty Lee)
Daniel & Nisseem Froehlich
(Sandra Semler)
Dorothy Bauer, Larry Walton
(Bob & Sue Williams)

Active Military Prayer List: Dominic Bisesi, Timothy Daniels, Braedyn Dawson, Nathaniel Einfeldt, Brooke Georges, Bella Hoffer, Zackary Huber, Wes Justmann, Cody Kieffer, Kameron Klette, Jeff Kuerschner, Josh Linn, Joseph Lovette, Clint Morrison, Douglas Mundt, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Jesse Smith, Matthew Thornton, Glenn Throne, and Conner Walkenhorst.

Weekly Church Calendar

Saturday, May 7, 2022

GRACE GUILD MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE
& DIAPER DRIVE
3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 8, 2022

MOTHER'S DAY
GRACE GUILD MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE
& DIAPER DRIVE
8AM Holy Communion
9:15AM Education Hour
10:30AM Holy Communion

Monday, May 9, 2022

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8:30AM TOPS
11AM Line Dancing
6PM Council Meetings

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
9AM Preschool Chapel
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meetings
4:45PM NYG Bible Study
6PM Grace Guild (gym)
7PM Adult Bible Class (Rm 1-2)

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON
6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9AM Preschool Chapel
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
6:45PM Choir
6:45PM Confirmation Rehearsal
6:45PM Midweek Ice Cream Event

Thursday, May 12, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4PM
CIRCUIT MEETINGS
8AM NEWS & NOTES DEADLINE
6PM 20s&30s Bible Study
7PM Boy Scouts

Friday, May 13, 2022

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9AM TO NOON, 1 TO 4 PM
KOINONIA DEADLINE FOR JUNE
10AM Ladies Guild

Saturday, May 14, 2022

GRACE GUILD DIAPER DRIVE
3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 15, 2022

GRACE GUILD DIAPER DRIVE
8AM Holy Communion
9:15AM Education Hour
+ VBS Training
10:30AM Holy Communion + Confirmation
4PM to 6PM: Mission Board Mailing for
Lutheran Deaf Outreach (gym)

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Voters' Assembly & Potluck

Sanctuary Worship at Holy Cross

All worship services are held in the sanctuary, offer Holy Communion unless noted, and are open to the public:

- *Saturdays at 3PM
- *Sundays at 8AM + live stream
- *Sundays at 10:30 AM

We continue to offer audio CD, video DVD, and resource mailing ministries. **Continue to stay connected to Holy Cross in the way that works best for you and your family during this time!**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:15AM, GYM
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays, 10AM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 2nd & 4th Tues., 7PM
MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:
2nd Wednesday each month, 6:30AM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, 9:30AM
20s&30s BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 6PM

Church Attendance for Easter. April 30-May 1, 2022

Service	Attendance	Communion
3:00PM	51	49
8:00AM	83	74
10:30AM	103	84
Total	237	207

Bible Class Attendance Week of May 1, 2022

NA=not applicable; NR=not reported
C= cancelled

Sunday Adult Bible Class	32
Sunday School: PreK to 5th	14
Sunday School: 6th to 12th	3
Tuesday Women's AM	17
Tuesday Evening	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	NA
Wednesday AM	26
Confirmation (gr 6-8)	15
Midweek (grades 3-5)	NR
20s&30s Thursday	

Weekly Offerings: April 25- May 1, 2022

General Fund	\$ 10,717.12
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Endowment	\$ 55.55
MOTQ1 weekly	\$ 700.54
MOTQ1 TOTAL Extended through April	\$ 10,833.93
MOTQ2 Total	\$ 35.00

Year to Date as of 3/31/2022

Income	\$ 175,006.06
Expenses	\$ 174,739.87
Surplus	\$ 226.19

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals for May 4, 2022

Families: 59; Individuals: 220

Totals for April 2022

Families: 248; Individuals: 912

Listed below are the food items Holy Cross is being asked to provide to HOPE Ministries for May:

Cereal
Pancake Syrup
Jelly
Sweet Muffin Mix

"Thank you so much for your help as we try to keep our inventory stocked as we help those in need." — Linda

SERMON This week's sermon, "The Great Multitude" is based on the last portion of Revelation chapter 7. Without a doubt, you have been in a great crowd before, whether it's a sports event, a parade, a conference, or something else. For many, there is something inspiring and even exciting about a great crowd of people all in one place for the same reason. Here today we get an image of the people - God's people - all gathered around the risen and resurrected Jesus Christ in heaven! — Pastor Gimbel

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: Join us for Adult Bible Study in the gym in between services as we look at the book of Revelation.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS: This month we come out of our "slavery regiment" of Lent to the "freedom" of the Resurrection victory of Easter. What does that freedom look like? We will get a glimpse of it in our new Tuesday Evening Study of "Nehemiah." God's people had just returned "home" from their Babylonian exile but were having trouble getting settled. They needed direction. They needed a leader. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month from **7-8:30 PM** as we see how God provided. --Rev. Wittenberger

HOPE Seeds put together 3100 packets of mustard seeds on Thurs., May 5. The next meeting is June 2 from 9AM to noon. Seeds will be sent with Good News and gardening instructions to places where hunger and unbelief are prevalent. Be a part of this mission!

MISSION OF THE QUARTER: SUPPORTING UKRAINE Our gifts to the LCMS Office of International Mission will go towards helping those affected by the violence in Ukraine, including refugees and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine. As the conflict continues, please pray for peace and for those in harm's way. "We love because He first loved us." 1John 4:19 --The Mission Board

MISSION BOARD WANTS HELP FOR IMMERSION MAILING: The Mission Board requests volunteers from Holy Cross to assist Rev. Reinke of Lutheran Deaf Outreach in putting together a second mass mailing for the July Immersion Event. The event is **Sun., May 15, from 4 to 6PM in the gym.** Sign up on a sheet at the Mission Table in the Welcome Center.

CALENDAR: VOTERS ASSEMBLY is May 22. A potluck featuring fried chicken will kick off the meeting. Voters are asked to bring two of the following: a salad, a dessert, and a main dish. Agenda items include Council Board updates. New members to Holy Cross should attend this meeting and let an Elder or officer know that you would like to become a voting member. For more information, contact Darlene Wischmeyer, Council Secretary.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles is having its annual **Card Party on Mon., June 13, 2022**, at the Fellowship Hall at First Capitol and Sixth Streets. Doors open at 11AM, and lunch is served at 11:30AM. The party concludes at 3PM. The donation is \$12 per person and includes a plate lunch, dessert, beverage, and attendance prize. Reservations may be made by calling either Kathy Bull at (314) 369-6123 or Jeanette Gaffney at (314) 569-2622.

GRACE GUILD MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE: Make plans to check out the roses on **May 7&8** for the Grace Guild's rose sale after each service. What a special gift for your wife, mother, grandmother, godmother, aunt, or special friend. All proceeds from the **free-will offering** for the sale will buy a Scan-N-Cut machine to help the Preschool staff make items for the children.

GRACE GUILD Diaper Drive kicks off on Mother's Day through Father's Day.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED AT HOLY CROSS:

ON May 1, Holy Cross was blessed to receive these new members: Stacy Andrews; Kelli Bullington; Mike and Lauren Claxton and children, Aiden, Ian, and Elsie; Dale and Karen Dusheke; Jim Foster; Rich and Marge Green; Frank and Debbie Hegykozi; Doris Hewkin; Ron and Kathy Hunter and children, Bailey, Bryce, and Amelia; Terry and Sue McCann; Orion Melton; Jennifer Reed; and Justin and Chyril Smith and daughter Nimve. Watch for their name tags, introduce yourself to them, and get to know more about them. In the June *Koinonia* we will include family pictures and a little information about each of them.

THANKS to all who participated in the New Member Luncheon and shared your special foods with us. Thanks especially to the Grace Guild members and others who participated in setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the luncheon. We could not enjoy the wonderful fellowship without your service.

POSITION OPEN: Our custodian Dennis Sweeso has announced that he will be retiring this summer. We are grateful for his nearly 10 years of service here! As a result, we are in the process of looking for a new part-time custodian to fill the role. This position averages about 20 hours a week. For more details and to apply, please visit www.hcross.com/custodian

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL Registration for the 2022-2023 school year opened to the public Feb. 1. Children must be 3 or 4 years old before August 1. Brochures are available in the Welcome Center and church office.

3-year-olds meet Tuesday and Thursday;

4-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Classes are from 8:30 – 11:30AM and 12:30 – 3:30PM.

Extended education hours are available to preschool families. Contact Preschool Director Darlene Birk at 272-4505, ext. 106, to schedule a personal tour and to answer any questions.

LHS NEWS: On Sunday, May 8 at 7PM, LHS will host the Vocal Jazz Choir from Concordia University – Nebraska for a concert of pop and jazz classics. Admission is free, a freewill collection will be received. Please join us for a wonderful night of music!

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 LHS school year is still open. Visit www.lutheranhighstcharles.com/admissions/apply-now/ to enroll. Contact Micah Braddy, Director of Enrollment, if you have any questions or to schedule a visit **Registration** is now open for **Lutheran Cougar Summer Camps!** The current schedule is available at <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/athletics/summer-camps/> Register at: form.jotform.com/220896544098165

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – May 27, 2022, 10 AM to 4PM, at Holy Cross Gym.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study is Wed., May 11, at 6:30AM.

FAMILY STYLE SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer, Holy Cross is offering a take-home package from CPH for families to supplement Summer Sunday School. Sunday School will be offered on Sunday mornings in summer. If your family would like this packet to work through this summer, the Education Board is happy to provide it.



If you want "The Tree of Life" package:

1. Fill out a flyer found on the Welcome Center table and give it to DCE Smith or Jenny Conrad.
2. Orders taken before May 31 are \$10. Please make checks out to "Holy Cross Lutheran Church" with "Tree of Life" in the memo.
3. You will be notified when your package arrives.
4. Pick up your packet at the Sunday School office.



Vacation Bible School (VBS)
June 20-24 5:30-8pm

VBS Registration closes May 27. Please register your child (3 years old & potty-trained to completed fifth grad-er) or as a volunteer at hcross.com/vbs

VBS Training Days: Sundays, May 1&8 from 9:30-10:15AM and May 24 & 31 from 6:15-7PM.

VBS WORK DAYS: MAY 24 & 31, JUNE 7 & 14, 5-to 7PM
 Contact DCE Smith (csmith@hcross.com) or Jenny Conrad (sundayschool@hcross.com).

Education Board invites Holy Cross members to go for a prayer walk in their neighborhoods with our VBS door hangers which can be found on the table in front of the VBS display. Please take a few to invite your neighbors to our VBS this year.



Elma Jane Kramer collected 110 bags of chocolate morsels which were taken to the Seminary Food Bank on Friday— thanks to the generosity of the congregation!

LASE Specialized Education, which has served Lutheran Schools for over 65 years, is seeking part-time and full-time educators who are passionate about serving children with special learning needs. Candidates must be certified in one or more areas of special education. Please send your resume to info@lutheranspecialized.org Attn: Jackie Smith, Executive Director, or call 314-268-1234 for more information.

JOB OPENING in May at Lakeside Storage, Lake St Louis. Offering 20-30 hours Mon-Thurs as rental associate/office assistant. Contact Sheryl 636.978.1801 Mon-Thurs.

Concordia Seminary Food Bank needs these items:

Olive Oil
Canola Oil
Juice: fruit
& vegetable juice
Black Beans
Garbanzo Beans

Baked Beans
Kidney Beans
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Laundry Detergent
Household cleaners



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4 Family Life event

June 5th from noon to 1:30pm in Holy's Cross's gym.
 Childcare & Lunch will be provided.

RSVPs due May 29th to forms.gle/2j8MMrCMs1XsgUv98 or scan the QR code

Households who register will be entered to win either Financial Peace Jr. Kit (\$50) or a Financial Peace University Kit (\$130)!

We want to put real tools in families' hands to help them navigate this experience called parenting!



Questions? Contact DCE Smith csmith@hcross.com

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Midweek and pre-confirmation students (third through **seventh graders**) will end the **Midweek school year with an ice cream party on Wed., May 11, from 6:45pm to 8pm, in the gym.**

(Confirmands will have confirmation rehearsal and their own celebration). All youth sixth grade and up are invited to **Youth Nights** this summer. See below.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: Youth who are sixth graders through High School Graduates: Please join us for Youth Night every Wednesday from 6:45 to 8PM from **May 18 through August**. Expect games, snacks, Bible study, and fun! **Note:** No Youth Night on June 8 (Family Movie Night) and June 22 (VBS).

YOUTH LOCK-IN: Rising sixth graders to high school seniors are invited to a lock-in at Holy Cross on **May 20-21 from 6PM to 6AM**. What to bring to share: boys bring snacks and girls bring drinks. Everyone bring a friend, a change of clothes, toiletries plus a sleeping bag and pillow. Come for all night or for some of it: just come! Chaperones are needed; shifts available. Contact Trudy Aston by **May 10 to RSVP** your child's spot or to volunteer as chaperone: Goldenraybowtique@gmail.com